Statement

Details of Exhibitions/Fairs organised by ITPO during the last three years

1997
Indexpo, Muscat, 1997

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23rd Osaka International Trade Fair, Japan, 1998
West Japan Import Fair, Japan, 1998
Indian Exhibition, Mexico city, 1998
India Promotion with Far Eastern Department Store, Taiwan, 1998

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Indian Exhibition, Dhaka, 1999
Indian Exhibition, Mauritius, 1999
Expohogar, Barcelona, 1999
IHM, Munich, 1999
World Watch, Clock & Jewellery Fair, Basel, 1999
Arab Jewellery and Watch Show, Abu Dhabi, 1999
West Japan Import, Fair, Japan, 1999
Fukuoka International Fair, Japan, 1999
India Promotion With Rustan Department Store, Philippines, 1999

2000
India Into the New Millenium, Hong Kong, 2000
24th Osaka International Trade fair, Japan, 2000
Memphis in May international, USA, 2000
Expo 2000, Hanover, Germany, 2000
Silk Road to Hesinki, Finland, 2000

In addition, a large number of companies from Rajasthan participate in various specialized events such as, Indian Handicrafts Fair, Ambiente, Delhi Jewellery show etc., held regularly in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. A large number of foreign buyers visit therse events and substantial business is generated as a result of these events.

Statistics of Labourers and Farmers engaged in Tobacco Industry

1468. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have statistics of Labourers engaged in Tobacco Industry in India and number of farmers growing tobacco in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how different statistics have been submitted by the World Health Organisation in Geneva during October, 2000 in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) Indian tobacco industry is in the private sector. This sector provides employment to about 7.5 million families. In India, about 63056 farmers grow Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco. Farmers growing Non-FCV tobacco are estimated around 4 lakhs.

(b) Statistics on the number of labourers/workers engaged in the tobacco industry and the number of farmers growing tobacco in India have not been furnished to the World Health Organisation during October, 2000.

Sick and closed industrial units in Gujarat

1469. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick and closed industrial units in Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons who have become unemployed; and

(c) the measures taken for employment of retrenched workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) Data on sick industrial units assisted by banks in the country is compiled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). According to the RBI, 223 non-SSI units have been identified as sick/ weak in the State of Gujarat having outstanding bank credit of Rs. 1234.95 crores as at the end of March 1999.

Labour Bureau, Shimla, under the Ministry of Labour collects information on industrial closure. 69 industrial units have been reported closed under Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 from 1997 to 1999. As a result of closure of 69 industrial units, 2,187 workers have been affected.

(c) The Government has approved Mahatma Gandhi Labour Institute, Ahmedabad having Employee Assistance Centres in ten cities in Gujarat under Counselling and Retraining Scheme. These centres conduct survey of the workers opting for voluntary retirement and those rationalised from the organised sector. The centres provide counselling and retraining assistance to such workers for their redeployment.